

Marine Life Protection & Public Opinion Polls



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2001 NOAA Survey of Florida Reef Users Polls on support for no-take marine reserves

Florida Keys Marine Reserves

South Florida and Keys Resident Reef User Survey

To review survey results, go to: <http://marineeconomics.noaa.gov>

Question: Do you support "no take" zones in the Florida Keys?

county	% Yes	% No	% Don't know
Palm Beach	76%	15%	9%
Broward	75%	18%	7%
Miami-Dade	74%	19%	7%
Monroe	78%	18%	4%

Question: What percentage of coral or natural reefs in your county would be reasonable to protect using "no take" zones?

county	%
Palm Beach	30%
Broward	35%
Miami-Dade	30%
Monroe	32%

SOURCE: NOAA Survey 2001.



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Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

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Key Largo

Conch Reef
Research Only

Cheeka Rocks

Newfound Harbor Key

Sombrero Reef

Eastern Sambo Research Only

Eastern Dry Rocks

Rock Key

Sand Key

Conch Reef

Research Only

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Collins Patch

Tennessee Reef

Research Only

Alligator Reef

Hens and Chickens

Davis Reef

Conch Reef

Molasses Reef

French Reef

Grecian Rocks

The Elbow

Dry Rocks

Carysfort

Key Largo

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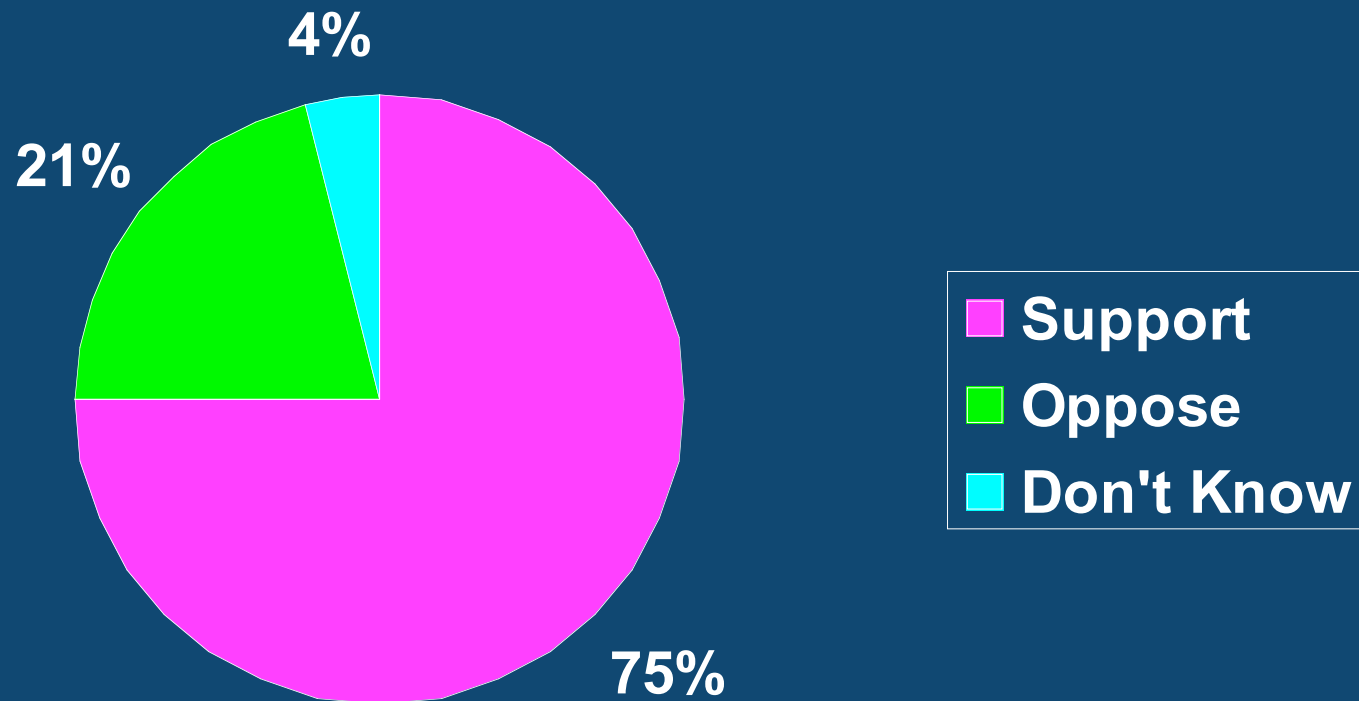
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2003 Public Policy Institute of California “Californians and the Environment” Poll

How about creating more marine reserves off the California coast, even if this means that some ocean areas will be off-limits to commercial and recreational fishing?

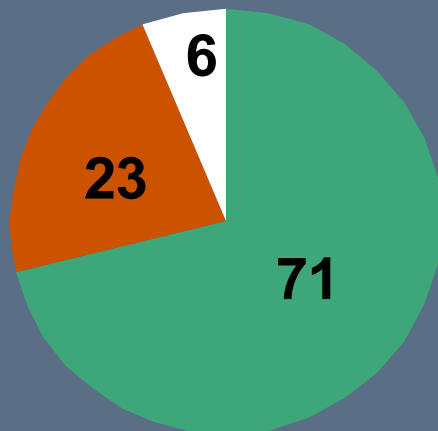




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Marine Protected Areas

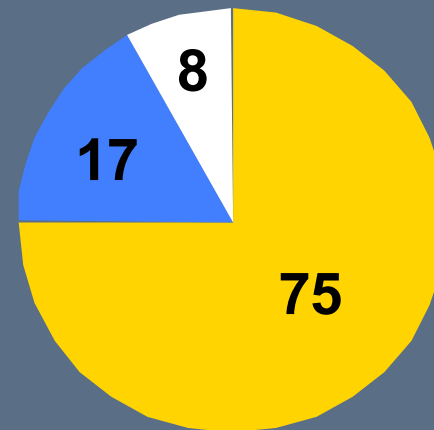
How about creating more marine reserves off the California coast, even if this means that some ocean areas will be off-limits to commercial and recreational fishing? Do you favor or oppose such an action?



Favor
Oppose
Don't know

All Adults

Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to create new Marine Protected Areas in about 10-20% of the ocean waters along California's coast?

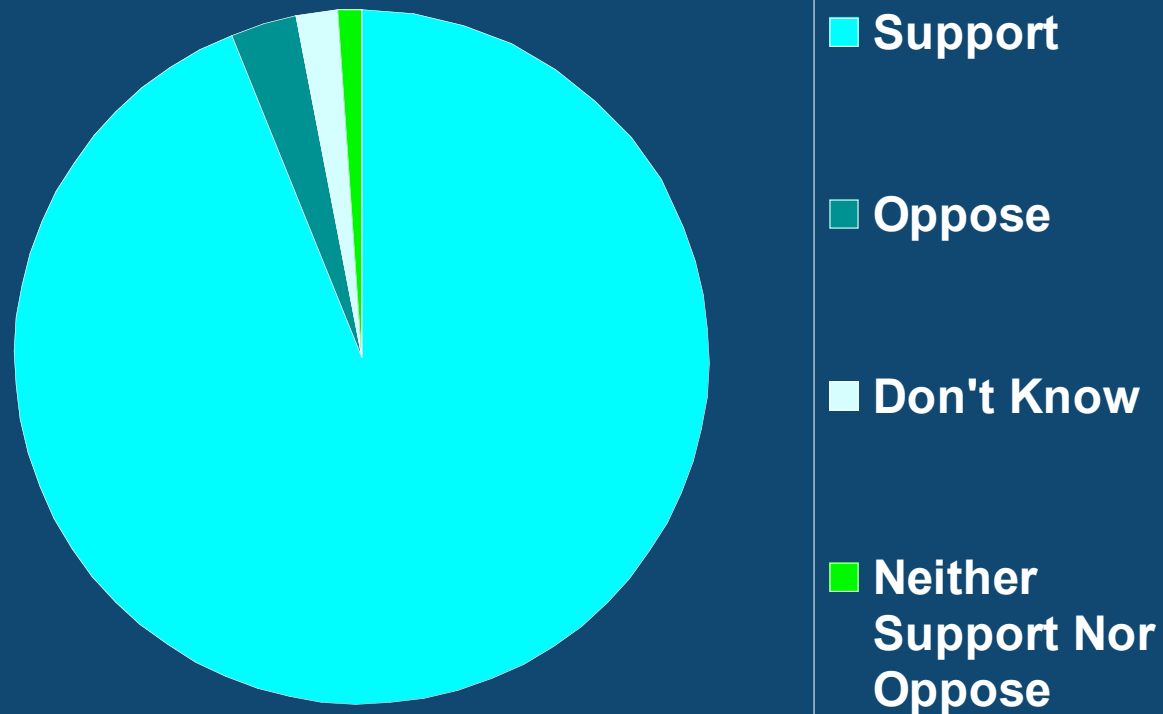


Good idea
Bad idea
Don't know



2009 Alliance of Communities of Sustainable Fisheries Monterey Bay Poll

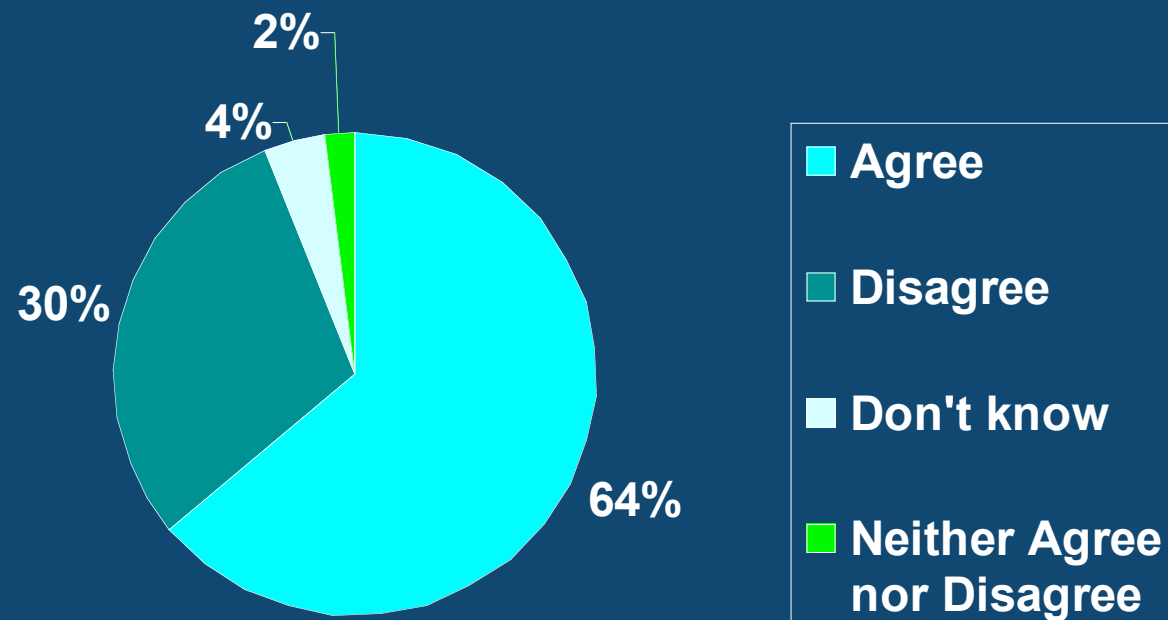
In general, do you support or oppose the designation of certain areas of U.S. ocean waters as sanctuaries for special management to conserve the marine habitats and cultural features?





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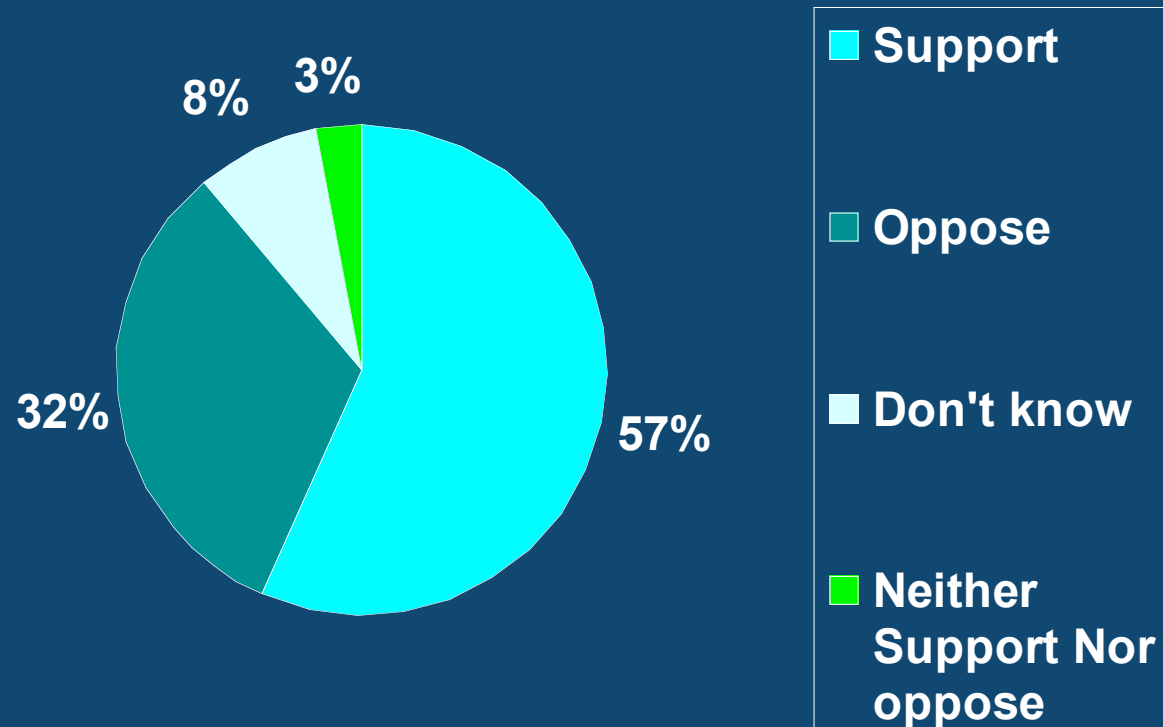
Do you agree or disagree that sanctuary managers should have the power to make rules to prohibit human use of the designated sanctuaries?





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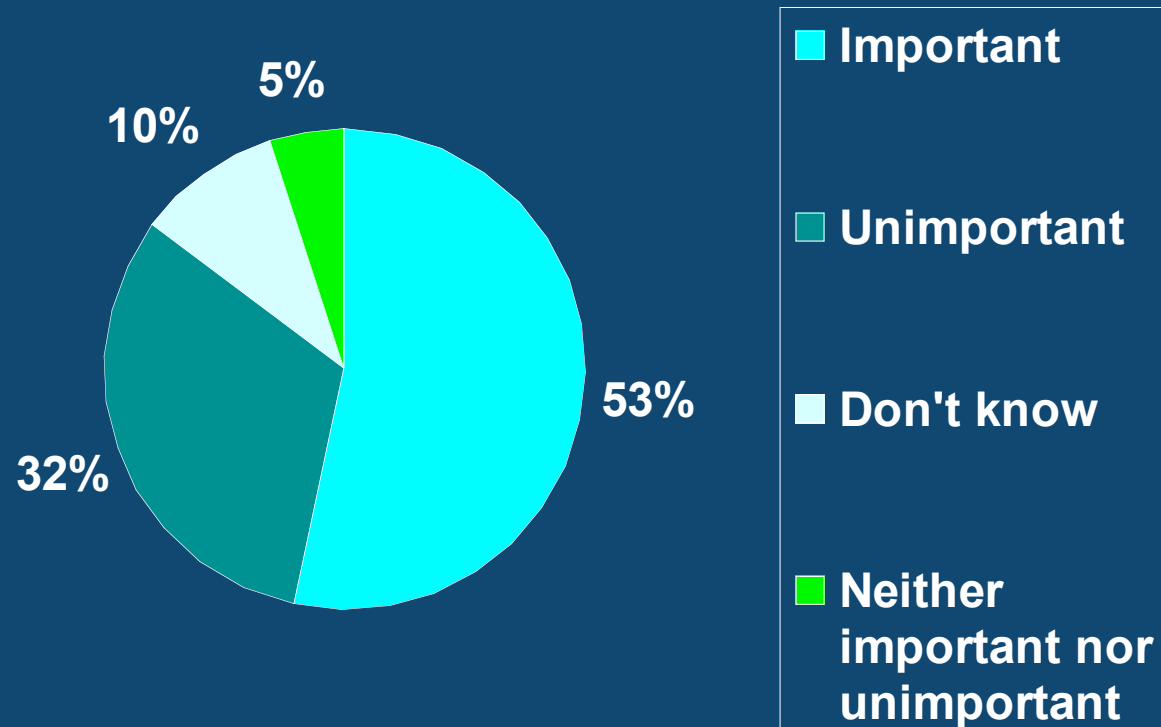
Would you support or oppose additional regulations for commercial fishing and shellfishing in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary?





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How important or unimportant do you think it is to create additional Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) where fishing is restricted or banned in the sanctuary?





2009 Alliance of Communities of Sustainable Fisheries Monterey Bay Poll

How important or unimportant do you think it is to create additional Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) where fishing is restricted or banned *for the primary purpose of ensuring that some areas of the ocean are in a more natural condition?*

